

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:606

ANSWERED ON:17.05.2007

FINANCIAL GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS

Ahir Shri Hansraj Gangaram

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has decided to modify the system of distribution of financial grants being given to voluntary organisations;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to constitute a monitoring committee to ensure optimum utilization of funds so that needy persons are benefited thereby; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT. MEIRA KUMAR)

- (a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

A statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (d) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 606 for 17.5.2007 raised by Shri Hansraj G. Ahir, MP regarding 'Financial Grants to Voluntary Organisations'

(a) to (d) The Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment has streamlined the procedure for sanction of grant in aid to the NGOs from the current financial year. As per the new procedure, the State Governments/AJTs are required to send their consolidated recommendations to the Central Government after scrutinizing them in a State-level 'Multi-Disciplinary Grant in Aid Committee.' They are also required to submit their proposals duly recommended by the Grant in Aid Committee by 30th June, every year, within the notional allocation. While recommending the proposals, the State Governments are required to address the problem of regional imbalances for supporting the voluntary efforts in service deficient areas.